

West Hartford Town Council Meeting (Tuesday, August 13, 2019)

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Members present

Councilors Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Dallas Dodge, Mary Fay, Liam Sweeney, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM

1. Meeting Opening

A. Call to Order 6:33 PM

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Absent: Councilors Barnes and Kerrigan

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Minutes 07-16-2019

APPROVED

Motion by Councilor Davidoff, second by Councilor Sweeney.

YES: Councilors Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Dallas Dodge, Mary Fay, Liam Sweeney, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

B. Public Hearing Substitute Ordinance GastroPark LLC, Food Truck Parks Requesting Amendments to Sec. 177-37.4 6-25-2019

APPROVED

Motion by Councilor Davidoff, second by Councilor Sweeney.

YES: Councilors Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Dallas Dodge, Mary Fay, Liam Sweeney, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

C. Public Hearing Application 10-60 Starkel Road 7-16-2019

APPROVED

Motion by Councilor Davidoff, second by Councilor Sweeney.

YES: Councilors Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Dallas Dodge, Mary Fay, Liam Sweeney, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

D. Public Hearing Substitute Ordinance Designating Intersections to be Regulated against blockage under C.G.S. 14-250 (b)a 7-16-2019

APPROVED

Motion by Councilor Davidoff, second by Councilor Sweeney.

YES: Councilors Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Dallas Dodge, Mary Fay, Liam Sweeney, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

3. Public Forum: **NO ONE SPOKE**

4. Consideration of Consent Calendar

Items moved to Consent: 6 A-E; 11 A-C

5. Unfinished Business

Action: A. Application of West Hartford Fellowship Housing, lessees of 10 -60 Starkel Road, to amend SDD #87 to permit the redevelopment of the existing 213 unit affordable housing complex. The proposed redevelopment contemplates the demolition of all of the existing buildings, except for the building at 60 Starkel Road, and the construction of six new residential buildings, a new maintenance building, renovations to the 60 Starkel Road building, and associated parking facilities, site lighting, landscaping, recreational, pedestrian and site improvements. A total of 308 age-restricted and accessible units is proposed under the redevelopment. The Applicant has also requested a waiver of the required fees pursuant to Section 177-50M. (This agenda item will be the subject of a continued public hearing and may not be addressed during Public Forum pursuant to Town Council Rules) (1279)

TABLED TO SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 AT 6:00 PM

6. New Business

A. Resolution to Appropriate Unexpended Funds in the Technology Investment Fund (1207)

ADOPTED

WHEREAS, the Technology Investment Fund is a special revenue fund, created to identify a recurring revenue stream dedicated to continued investment in West Hartford's e-business strategy, enabling expenditures that support West Hartford's goal of providing more of its services through the internet to improve customer service; and

WHEREAS, as of June 30, 2019, there is \$16,716.02 available for appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the funds are needed to maintain West Hartford's computer network;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL that an appropriation for network maintenance is hereby authorized and the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Technology Investment Fund budget is hereby amended as follows:

Estimated Revenues:

31-150550-10401-9399 Fund Balance \$16,716.02

Appropriations:

31-150550-10401-2580 Network Maintenance \$16,716.02

Motion by Councilor Davidoff, second by Councilor Sweeney.

YES: Councilors Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Dallas Dodge, Mary Fay, Liam Sweeney, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

B. Resolution to Appropriate Unexpended Funds in the West Hartford Library Fund (11)

ADOPTED

WHEREAS, the West Hartford Library Fund is a special revenue fund used to account for grants received through the borrow IT CT Program, other intergovernmental and private foundation sources, and operation of the library's copiers, which are supported by user charges, and

WHEREAS, as of June 30, 2019 there is \$81,156.83 in unreserved, undesignated fund balance available for appropriation, and

WHEREAS, funds are needed for the purchase of computers, furniture and other equipment for the library,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

that an appropriation for the purchase of computers, furniture and other library equipment is hereby authorized and the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 West Hartford Library Fund budget is hereby amended as follows:

Estimated Revenues:

29-410501-40303-9399	Fund Balance	\$81,156.83
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Appropriations:

29-410501-40303-3151	Computer Equipment	\$25,000.00
29-410501-40303-3268	Library Furniture/Equipment	\$56,156.83

Motion by Councilor Davidoff, second by Councilor Sweeney.

YES: Councilors Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Dallas Dodge, Mary Fay, Liam Sweeney, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

C. Resolution to Appropriate \$21,000 in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget of the Drug Enforcement Fund (1099)

ADOPTED

WHEREAS, the Special Investigations Division of the West Hartford Police Department conducts sensitive investigations related to vice and narcotics in the Town of West Hartford; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford has a Drug Enforcement Fund to account for the drug enforcement activities of the West Hartford Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the fund receives the proceeds of drug asset forfeitures from the state and federal governments and earns interest income on the fund's available cash; and

WHEREAS, at the end of each fiscal year the unappropriated revenues and the unexpended appropriations in this fund are available for re-appropriation in the following fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the West Hartford Police Department is in need of an appropriation for necessary services related to police overtime for drug enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, the West Hartford Police Department needs an appropriation for miscellaneous eligible operating expenditures under the guidelines established by the Drug Enforcement Administration of the United States Department of Justice to be used in the course of investigations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD that the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Drug Enforcement Fund budget is hereby amended as follows:

ESTIMATED REVENUES:

20-220304-20406-9399 Fund Balance \$21,000

APPROPRIATIONS:

20-220304-20406-1010 Overtime \$20,000

20-220304-20406-2004 Miscellaneous Administrative Expense \$ 1,000

Motion by Councilor Davidoff, second by Councilor Sweeney.

YES: Councilors Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Dallas Dodge, Mary Fay, Liam Sweeney, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

D. Resolution to Carry Forward and Appropriate Funds Awarded the Town Of West Hartford under The Federal Highway Safety Program for the Purpose Of Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement (195)

ADOPTED

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford applied for and was awarded a grant under the Federal Highway Safety Program (State Project 0199-0745-2-BB) in the amount of \$59,300 to provide Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement from April 2, 2019 through August 15, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the goal of this program is to reduce fatalities and injuries resulting from crashes caused by driver distraction, especially those caused by hand-held mobile phone use, and

WHEREAS, this goal can be reached through increasing enforcement, especially high visibility enforcement of Connecticut's hand-held mobile phone ban for drivers in areas identified to have high rates of fatal and injury crashes, and

WHEREAS, these funds were appropriated in the fiscal year 2018-2019 General Fund budget but were not fully expended, and

WHEREAS, consistent with the terms of the grant award these funds can be carried forward to fiscal year 2019-2020, and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford desires to utilize such carry-forward funds for extra enforcement activities in accordance with both federal and state regulations, policies, and procedures that govern the use of highway safety funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL THAT unexpended grant funds under the Federal Highway Safety Program will be appropriated as received for the purpose of distracted driving high visibility enforcement activities in accordance with the terms of the grant.

Motion by Councilor Davidoff, second by Councilor Sweeney.

YES: Councilors Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Dallas Dodge, Mary Fay, Liam Sweeney, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

E. Resolution to Carry Forward and Appropriate Funds Awarded the Town Of West Hartford under the Federal Highway Safety Program for the Purpose Of Comprehensive DUI Enforcement (195)

ADOPTED

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford applied for and was awarded federal funds by the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Office under the Federal Highway Safety Program (State Project 0199-0722-DR) in the amount of \$112,100 to provide comprehensive Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement program activities from November 1, 2018 through September 7, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the objectives of this program are to reduce the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities from impaired driving through increased high-visibility enforcement activities and to communicate to the public, through media venues, the increased level of DUI enforcement so that drivers will realize the risks and consequences of operating a vehicle while under the influence and, therefore, deter that behavior, and

WHEREAS, these funds were appropriated in the fiscal year 2018-2019 General Fund budget but were not fully expended, and

WHEREAS, consistent with the terms of the grant award these funds can be carried forward to fiscal year 2019-2020, and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford desires to utilize such carry forward funds for extra DUI patrol activities, in accordance with both federal and state regulations, policies, and procedures that govern the use of highway safety funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL THAT unexpended grant funds under the Federal Highway Safety Program will be appropriated, as received, for the purpose of expanded DUI enforcement activities in accordance with the terms of the grant.

Motion by Councilor Davidoff, second by Councilor Sweeney.

YES: Councilors Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Dallas Dodge, Mary Fay, Liam Sweeney, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

7. Reports of Town Manager - **NONE**

8. Announcements - Upcoming events were reported by Mayor Cantor

9. Reports of Corporation Counsel - **NONE**

10. Appointments

APPROVED

Motion by Mayor Cantor, second by Councilor Davidoff

Human Rights Commission - Dawn Stacey Ennis Term Ending 12/31/2019

APPROVED

Motion by Councilor Fay, second by Councilor Williams

Zoning Board of Appeals - Angelo DiMatteo Term Ending 12/31/2022

11. Reports of Standing or Special Committees

A. Minutes from Community Planning and Physical Services 07-17-2019 **RECEIVED**

B. Minutes from Public Safety 07-18-2019 **RECEIVED**

C. Minutes from Finance Budget and Personnel 07-24-2019 **RECEIVED**

12. Communications

A. Notice of Town Planner's Intention to Approve, Pursuant To Section 177-44C (9)(G), A Request On Behalf Of LEX-LAZ West Hartford, LLC For Revisions To Special Development District Plan (SDD #145) Located At 27 Park Road & 14 Ringgold Street. The Request is for Architectural, Landscape and Site Parking Modifications to Address National Park Service Plan Review Comments Necessary to Secure State and Federal Historic Tax Credits. (20151) **WITHDRAWN**

B. From Jared Grise (7-25-2019) resigning from Zoning Board of Appeals. (321) **RECEIVED**

13. Consent Calendar

ADOPTED

Motion by Councilor Davidoff, second by Councilor Sweeney.

YES: Councilors Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Dallas Dodge, Mary Fay, Liam Sweeney, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

14. Petitions - **NONE**

15. Executive Session - **NONE**

16. Adjournment: 7:26 PM

Motion by Mayor Cantor, second by Councilor Davidoff.

YES: Councilors Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Dallas Dodge, Mary Fay, Liam Sweeney, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

17. Suspense:

A. Presentation of Proclamation recognizing September as Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month.

B. Resolution Regarding Gun Violence Prevention Measures

ADOPTED

WHEREAS gun violence is a serious threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS Connecticut, like other states, experiences gun violence on an almost daily basis; and

WHEREAS Connecticut has been the location of some of the worst mass-shootings in the history of the United States, including the Connecticut Lottery shooting, the Hartford Distributors shooting, and the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting; and

WHEREAS the United States is in the midst of an epidemic of gun violence, with tens of thousands of gun deaths per year, and a much higher rate of gun deaths and injuries than other developed countries; and

WHEREAS a succession of mass shootings has taken place over the past few weeks across the United States, including in the communities of El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio and Gilroy, California; and

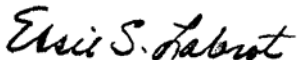
WHEREAS high-capacity assault weapons serve no legitimate purpose in civilian society; and

WHEREAS the United States has a patchwork of gun laws and regulations, meaning that gun violence can easily be exported from states and communities with lax gun laws and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WEST HARTFORD the Town Council of West Hartford calls on the United States Congress to immediately reconvene in order to fund federal research on gun violence prevention and to adopt comprehensive gun reform, including universal background checks, a ban on high-capacity assault weapons, a federal "red flag" law allowing police to confiscate firearms from people who are deemed to be a danger to themselves or to others, and a federal registry for dangerous weapon offenders.

Motion by Mayor Cantor second by Councilor Davidoff.

YES: Councilors Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Dallas Dodge, Mary Fay, Liam Sweeney, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams



Essie S. Labrot
Town Clerk/Council Clerk

APPROVED AT SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING